GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF INDIAN. KNOWLEDGE SCIENTIFICALLY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing arrangement for study and research on Indian system of astrology, preparation of Calander and Samvats;

(b) whether there is any plan to promote Indian traditional knowledge scientifically;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these disciplines are being taught in Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati and Sri Lai Baha.dur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi or any other Government education centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a scheme for setting up of Department of Jyotir Vigyan in the Universities to impart knowledge in the Astrology and to add a new dimension for research in the fields of Hindi, Mathematic, Vastushastra, Meteorological Studies, Agriculture Sciences, Space Sciences, etc. was introduced during the IXth Plan period. Proposals were invited from the universities and twenty Universities were selected. Out of these Universities, seven have started Departments of Jyotir Vigyan.

(b): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), no new proposals during the X th Plan have been invited.

(c): Does not arise.

d) & (e): According to the information furnished by Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, it imparts instructions and conducts research in the Indian system of astrology, preparation of calendar and Samvats. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi is conducting courses in astrology.